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# Memorandum

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TO : Members of the Working Group, NSC-IG/ARA      DATE: August 6, 1973

FROM : ARA/PAN - S. Morey Bell *h*

SUBJECT: Study on Panama Canal Treaty Negotiations

REF: Memorandum from the Chairman of the NSC Under Secretaries Committee of July 23, 1973

To respond to the specific requests and questions posed by the Committee Chairman on July 23, Ambassador Ward and I have together prepared a redraft of the first three sections of the basic report presented by the Inter-Agency Group to the Chairman on July 10. (The introductory paragraphs of the fourth section have also been redrafted to reflect changes in the options.)

It is designed to serve as a paper for the Working Group to address, and I would like to meet on it at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 9, in room 1410. A meeting of the IG/ARA principles has been scheduled for 9:45 a.m. on Monday, August 13, in room 6258. If, however, there should be a consensus that we could proceed directly to a meeting of the Inter-Agency Group, we would omit the Thursday meeting. I shall await word from you on that score.

## Attachment:

Redraft of August 1, 1973

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